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Rick Breitenbach
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Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

We are deeply concerned regarding CALFED's EIR/EIS released June 25, 1999. It is too vague, leaning too heavily toward construction of new dams. Furthermore, this scheme could waste billions of tax dollars, with unintended consequences. Although the right elements are in the report, they are in the wrong proportion! Please weigh heavily, the following:

- o Conservation WORKS! CALFED needs to thoroughly explore other methods to achieve water supply reliability before building costly and environmentally damaging new dams and reservoirs.
- o Water users should pay! Taxpayer dollars should not be wasted on unnecessary new subsidized projects.
- o Realistic numbers -- CALFED needs to base its future water needs on realistic water accounting, including potential savings from conservation.

Sincerely,



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